

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following claim listing will replace all prior claim listings.

1. (Currently amended) A candy having Candy based on a starch matrix[[],]] wherein the candy has a rubber-elastic texture comprising:
 - a) a first starch, VS, having an amylose content of less than 20% and a DPn of more than 750; and
 - b) a second starch, NS, having an amylose content of more than 23% and a DPn of less than 300, the second starch being capable of forming a microcrystalline-crosslinked network with the first starch.
2. - 5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently amended) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1, claims 1 or 2; wherein:
 - a) the candy contains 0-50% of plasticizer and
 - b) the candy contains 1-90% of sugar and sugar types, and
 - c) the candy optionally contains a proportion of 1-50% of a network-capable starch,

the percentages proportion in percent in a), b) and c) being based on the dry weights and on the proportion of starch present.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1, claims 1 or 2; wherein the candy comprises has at least one retrogradation-inhibiting material, especially glycogen or a dextran with a degree of branching of more than 0.05.

9. - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1, claims 1 or 2; wherein:

- a) the starch matrix has a network, which is formed by homocrystallites and/or heterocrystallites and

- b) the first starch, VS, has at least one starch with a DPn of more than 1000, and/or
- c) the second starch has at least one network-capable starch with a DPn of less than 50.

15. (Currently amended) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1,
~~claims 1 or 2~~, wherein:

- a) the candy contains 3-30% of plasticizer,
- b) the candy contains 20-75% of sugar and sugar types, and
- c) the candy ~~optionally~~ contains a proportion of 3-15% of network-capable starch,

the proportion in percent in a), b) and c) being based on the dry weights and on the proportion of starch present.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently amended) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 1,
~~claims 1 or 2~~, wherein the candy is produced by means of a pre-product comprising VS and NS, the preparation of the pre-product suppressing the formation of a network and the amorphous state being frozen in.

19. (New) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 8, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material is selected from the group consisting of glycogen and a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.05.

20. (New) The candy based on a starch matrix of claim 8, wherein the retrogradation-inhibiting material is selected from the group consisting of glycogen and a dextrin with a degree of branching of more than 0.3.